GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2831
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ASSISTANCE TO NGOS ENGAGED IN AFFORESTATION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to involve Non-Governmental Organisations for taking up the afforestation work on the degraded forest land and make change in the forest policy for increasing green belt in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any NGOs have been engaged for afforestation in the country including Chhattisgarh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) The National Afforestation & Eco-Development Board under Ministry of Environment and Forests already provides financial assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Agencies for Afforestation, tree planting and eco-development activities under a Central Sector (100%) Grants-in-Aid Scheme.

(c) & (d) A statement showing fund release to NGOs for afforestation, Statewise including Chhattisgarh, during the last three years is given at Annexure.

Annexure in respect of Parts (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2831 due on 10.3.2003 regarding Assistance to NGOs engaged in Afforestation.

STATEMENT SHOWING STATEWISE FUNDS RELESED TO NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS/VOLUI AGNECIES FOR AFFORESTATION

(Rs. in Lakhs)

State	1999-2000		2000-2001		2001-2002	
	No. of NGOs	Funds Released	No. of NGOs	Funds Released	No. of NGOs	Funds Released
Andhra Pradesh	17	42.93	26	81.71	31	90.36
Chhattisgarh	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Bihar	12	27.47	5	13.86	6	21.90
Goa	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Gujarat	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Haryana	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Himachal Pradesh	2	9.55	1	2.50	0	0.00
Jammu & Kashmir	1	3.11	1	4.25	3	11.47
Jharkhand	0	0.00	3	7.50	0	0.00
Karnataka	5	17.93	13	49.83	10	33.78
Kerala	0	0.00	0	0.00	5	20.30
Madhya Pradesh	1	0.38	2	8.45	1	4.00
Maharashtra	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Orissa	2	5.50	1	1.25	4	13.90
Punjab	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Rajasthan	0	0.00	1	2.50	2	7.00
Tamil Nadu	4	2.50	4	8.25	5	15.00
Uttar Pradesh	7	23.25	6	23.06	6	16.12
Uttaranchal	0	0.00	2	2.00	3	11.25
West Bengal	4	9.21	6	11.18	3	5.84

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Arunachal Pradesh	2	8.50	7	23.25	17	41.91
Assam	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Manipur	7	24.67	18	66.14	12	35.85
Mizoram	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	1.72
Meghalaya	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Nagaland	11	25.00	30	68.53	47	124.52
Sikkim	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	3.00
Tripura	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	3.00